--- “Series of 1883” - 25 Cigars - SAMPLE BOX - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- recess printed in GREEN on vertical mesh fine wove - 335 x 22 mm. ---

--- RG-301 SP - imperforate - without control numbering - scanned at 50% scale ---

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The John McKay report makes no mention of a green “Sample Box” strip. Listed under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) are 864 *lithographed* and 1,500 *recess printed* copies of “25 Yellow Cigars”. These are probably *trial-colour* proofs of the yellow Series of 1883 “Sample Box” strip. The yellow colour of the production copy makes the recess printed details very difficult to inspect, and the plate was probably run in green ink for the purpose of Company and / or Department approval.

★**RG-301 SP** - 25 cigars, “Sample Box”, an imperforate plate proof, *recess printed* on vertical mesh fine white wove,
★★★ three of the above copies, plus the following CP strip

★**RG-301 SP / CP** - 25 cigars, “Sample Box”, an imperforate plate proof, *recess printed* on vertical mesh fine white wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

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